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Re: Docket No. W-01445A-12-0348-System Improvements Benefits (SIB)
Surcharge for replacing Aging and Failing Water Infrastructure

Dear Commissioners:

The Montezuma Rimrock Fire District supports the Arizona Corporation Commission's efforts to help water utilities replace aging and failing water infrastructure and System Improvement Benefits (SIB) surcharge mechanism.

As the public safety agency charged with providing effective fire protection for the Beaver Creek communities of Rimrock and Lake Montezuma, having a reliable and adequate water supply for firefighting is vital for our success. In communities that are under nearly constant threat of urban-interface fires, such as ours, having a reliable supply of water, beyond just for drinking and household use, can definitely make the difference in whether lives or property is saved or not.

The SIB mechanism seems to be a reasonable solution to ensure our local water company has the ability to fund these much needed improvements to the water system in order to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of our community.

We support the Commission and urge you to approve the SIB surcharge.

Respectfully,

Terry Keller
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